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NMFS ANNOUNCES THE LARGE COASTAL SHARK STOCK ASSESSMENT DATA WORKSHOP

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announces the date and location of the data workshop, the first of three workshops that will be held for the large coastal shark (LCS) stock assessment to be conducted in 2005/2006. The data workshop will start at 1 p.m. on Monday, October 31, 2005, and will conclude at 1 p.m. on Friday, November 4, 2005, and will be held at the Bay Point Marriott Resort, 4200 Marriott Drive, Bay Point, FL 32408. At this workshop, datasets will be documented, analyzed, and reviewed, and data for conducting the assessment analyses will be compiled.

Prospective participants and observers will be contacted with the data workshop details. This workshop is open to the public. Persons interested in participating or observing the Data workshop should contact Julie Neer at (850) 234-6541.

This data workshop will be conducted in a manner similar to the Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR) process. More information on the SEDAR process can be found at http://www.sefsc.noaa.gov/sedar/. The next two workshops (assessment and review) will be held at a later date. The time and locations of these workshops will be announced in a Federal Register notice.

This FAX notice is a courtesy to Atlantic shark fishery interests to keep you informed about your fishery. Official notice of Federal fishery actions is made through filing such notice with the Office of the Federal Register. For further information, contact Karyl Brewster-Geisz at 301-713-2347.

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